

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3822 - HB 3348

February 2, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Department of Environment and Conservation from issuing or renewing permits for surface coal mining operations until a new programmatic environmental impact statement addressing direct and indirect site specific and cumulative impacts is completed and a record of decision is published in the Federal Register by the Federal Office of Surface Mining. Surface coal mining activities that are incidental to underground coal mining are exempt from such prohibition.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

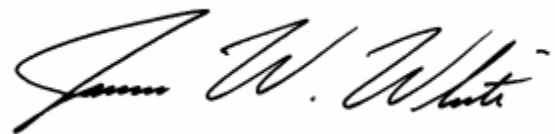
Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- A slight decrease in the number of permits issued or renewed. It is assumed that the majority of such permits would simply be delayed, possibly resulting in a shift of revenue from one fiscal year to the next. The magnitude of such shift would depend upon the time it takes for the federal government to complete the required analysis.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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